

# Navigability Assessment of Washington Rivers and Lakes

Provisional

## Attention:

1. This map is prepared specifically for mapping of navigability assessments and does not purport to show an ownership status.

2. A determination of navigability is normally reserved as a responsibility of the courts, but the courts will never have the time to consider navigability for every river and lake within this state. The navigability status of each river and lake shown on this map is based upon an interpretation of the data contained in the "River and Lake" files in the Aquatic Resources Division of the DNR. This provisional navigability status serves as a guide in setting management priorities for the DNR and is subject to review and appeal under the 1988 Administrative Act (RCW 34.05).

3. Some rivers and lakes were omitted due to lack of information .

4. The ownership and management authority for the beds and shores of navigable rivers and lakes is vested in many state agencies, cities, counties and tribes. To confirm ownership of the beds and shores of these water bodies, further investigation is required.

## Explanation of Navigability

Definitely Navigable - These rivers and lakes are considered by DNR to be navigable for one or more of the following reasons:

- They have been adjudicated as being navigable.
- They are tidally influenced.
- There is sufficient documented evidence of use for transportation and/or commerce.

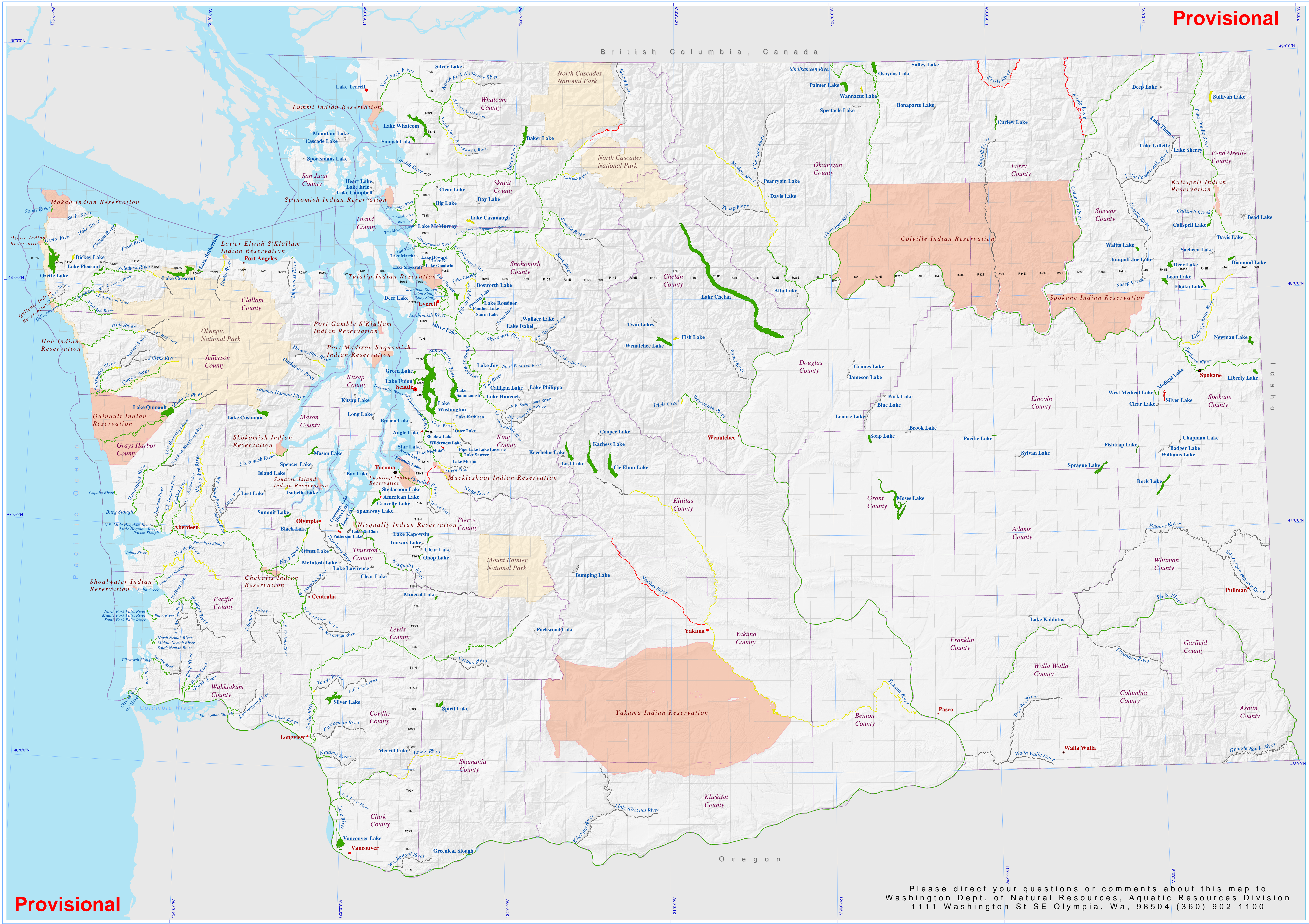
Probably Navigable - In the opinion of the DNR, these rivers and lakes would likely be found navigable, if the matter were adjudicated, for one or more of the following reasons:

- There is some documented evidence of use for transportation and/or commerce.
- Their size and geographic location with respect to historical settlement patterns and transportation routes makes them susceptible to use for commerce and/or transportation.
- They were meandered by the GLO surveys.

Not Navigable - These rivers and lakes have been adjudicated as being non-navigable in a case that the State of Washington was a party or in the opinion of the DNR, a portion of a river is classified as not navigable because research clearly indicates that a portion of the river is impassable.

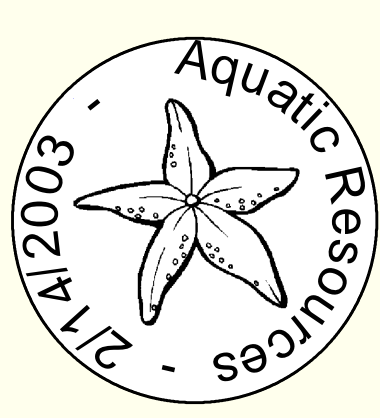
Unknown - These rivers and lakes appear to meet some of the conditions for navigability. More research is needed.

Extreme care was used during the compilation of this map to ensure accuracy. However, due to changes in data and the need to rely on outside sources of information, the Department of Natural Resources cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions, and, therefore, there are no warranties which accompany this material.

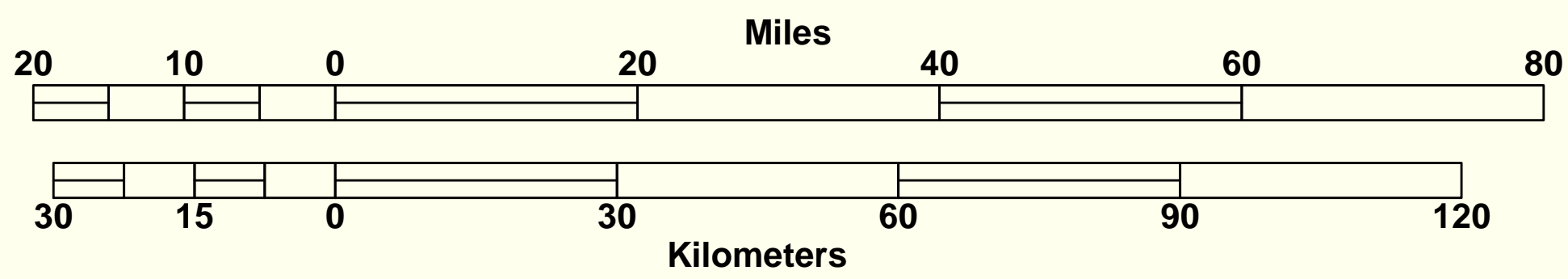


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The projection is Lambert Conic Conformal. Horizontal control is based on the 1927 North American Datum.

## River and Lake Navigability

- Definitely Navigable
- Probably Navigable
- Not Navigable
- Unknown

## Other Features

- Counties
- Tribal Reservations
- National Parks

